

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

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**RAISED BILL No. 6306 AAC THE LISTING OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE IN MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION PROVIDER LISTINGS, AND PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER DESIGNATIONS.**

**TESTIMONY OF VANESSA POMARICO-DENINO, APRN – IN SUPPORT OF RB No. 6306**

Senator Crisco, Representative Megna, and members of the Committee

Thank you for hearing this bill.

I have experienced several barriers with the insurance industry. Patients who are new to me have told me that they have difficulty finding me on their provider panel lists. Other patients have gone to another PCP because they didn't think I accepted insurances. They have trouble finding providers. This has also resulted in lack of income to my practice as well as inhibiting the growth of my professional practice.

Because of insurance practices my patients get billed for services from a provider they never saw. They often call our billing office wondering why they are receiving this bill when they had seen me and know I am their primary care provider.

For many years, I have had issues with not getting diagnostic results because radiologists do not recognize NP's. If I order a test, the results are always put under the name of one of the MD's in my practice. This has resulted in delay of diagnosis as well as an increased amount of time that either myself or my support staff spends trying to track down results. If I am authorized to prescribe, diagnose and treat an illness then why can't I receive radiology reports???

These barriers are preventing me from providing comprehensive, timely care to my patients and is restricting access to care for untold numbers.

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